MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The claims of M. L. Degree holders will be considered, due regard being had to the rules in force.

Admissions to the Collegiate Hostel.

154. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) the number of students that can be accommodated in the newly opened Government Hostel; and

(*b*) the number of students in the Hostel at present?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of the students in the hostel?

(3) Has the Warden rejected any application for admission to the Hostel?

(4) If so, will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement, by castes, of the applicants whose applications were so rejected, with the reasons therefor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) 105.

(*b*) 105.

(2)

Brahmins	30
Vellalas, etc.	12
Nayars	25
Ezhavas	2
Christians	36

(3) The answer is in the negative. Admissions were given as students came in till all the rooms were occupied.

(4) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (3).

Authorising Vakils to administer Oath for Affidavits.

155. MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): With regard to affidavits to be filed in civil courts, will the Government be pleased to authorise vakils of not less than twelve years' standing to administer oath for affidavits to be filed in courts in which those vakils are enrolled?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As Rule 88, *Civil Courts' Guide*, authorises a sufficient number of persons to administer oath for affidavits to be filed in courts, the Government do not consider it necessary to extend the authority to vakils of 12 years' standing and above.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I know why the Government do not consider it necessary to extend this privilege to vakils of not less than 12 years' standing?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not consider it necessary because the number of persons who are now allowed toadminister oath for affidavits is quite enough.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): If the number is increased will it not be more convenient for the litigant public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The High Court thinks that it is not necessary.

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MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*) : Have the Government bestowed their own independent thought on the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government accepted the opinion of the High Court.

Settlement Register of the Kallupara Pakuthi.

156. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements to have the Settlement Register of the Kallupara *pakuthi* printed and a copy of the same kept in the taluk office, Tiruvalla, and in the Tiruvalla Munsiff's Court, as in the case of other *pakuthies* ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Kallupara *pakuthi* is a partial freehold village of the Edapalli Chief. A Settlement Register for the Sirkar properties within the *pakuthi* was prepared at the time of the settlement and a printed copy is available in the taluk office and in the Tiruvalla Munsiff's Court. Settlement Registers of the absolute freehold villages of the Edapalli Chief, *viz.*, Trikunnapuzha, Edapalli North and Edapalli South and a register for the partially freehold properties of the Chief in Kallupara and Vazhakulam *pakuthies*, were not printed by the Government at the time of the settlement and the Chief was left to make his own arrangements in the matter. The Government cannot undertake the work or bear the cost.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*) : Do the Government know that the absence of such copies of these records in public offices is disadvantageous to the public who are interested in rectifying mistakes in the electoral rolls ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : There may be some disadvantage. At the time of the settlement there was some correspondence with the Edapalli Chief and he was asked to pay in advance the cost that may be required for printing Settlement Registers. He declined to pay and said that the work must be done by Government and the cost recovered later on out of the dues payable to him from the Government. Government did not accept it and left the matter to the Chief.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): In the interests of the public, do not the Government think it necessary to print the records even at their own cost ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The tenants of the Chief should move the Chief in that matter.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do not the Government consider it their duty to see that their subjects do not suffer ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I have already explained the position.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to reconsider the matter ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Chief is not prepared to incur the cost. The Government are not prepared to incur it either.

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